

30. The polypeptide of claim 29, wherein said KGF polypeptide shows preferential mitogenic activity for BALB/MK epithelial cells, but not NIH/3T3 fibroblast cells.--

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 13 and 14 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 2 are herewith canceled and claims 21-30 are added. Thus, with the entry of this amendment, claims 13, 14, and 21-30 will be active in this case.

Miscellaneous

The examiner has correctly noted the lineage and claim status of this case. In order to update the lineage, applicants herewith amend the specification to indicate which parental applications are now abandoned.

The examiner also requested a new title. Applicants have responded by substituting the suggested title for the original title.

Applicants will submit a substitute specification and will voluntarily amend the substitute specification and drawings to correct certain errors that were brought to applicants' attention in copending application serial No. 08/455,655, upon Examiner Saoud's request.

Rejections under 35 USC §112

Applicants assert that all of the examiner's objections to claims 1 and 2 under §112 are rendered moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1 and 2.

Applicants point out that new claims 21-30 are fully supported in the specification and correspond to the "DNA" claims that are currently pending in copending application serial No. 08/480,948.

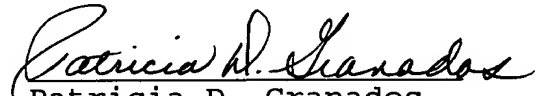
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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully assert that claims 13 and 14 and 21-30 meet all of the statutory requirements of patentability and therefore are in condition for allowance. The examiner already has acknowledged the allowability of claims 13 and 14; applicants now earnestly solicit a notice of allowance of all the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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